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Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 36th and 44th meetings, on 6 May and 24 June 2015. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/69/SR.36 and 44).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (A/69/611 and Corr.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (A/69/740);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/839/Add.16).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.46

4. At its 44th meeting, on 24 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei"

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(A/C.5/69/L.46), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Haiti.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.46 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1990 (2011) of 27 June 2011, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for a period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2205 (2015) of 26 February 2015, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 15 July 2015,

Recalling also its resolution 66/241 A of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 68/258 B of 30 June 2014,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012 and 69/307 of 25 June 2015, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei as at 30 April 2015, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 65.4 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 49 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear

[1] A/69/611 and Corr.1 and A/69/740.

[2] A/69/839/Add.16.

additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Takes note* of paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

10. *Expresses* its grave concern over the repeated delay of construction projects, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure the completion of construction projects on schedule;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264 and 69/307;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei the amount of 281,536,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, inclusive of 268,256,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 11,053,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 2,226,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 11,352,286 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 July 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

[3] A/69/611 and Corr.1.

16. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 134,158 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 90,242 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 34,815 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 9,101 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 129,416,064 dollars for the period from 16 July to 31 December 2015, at a monthly rate of 23,461,392 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,529,392 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,028,758 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 396,885 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 103,749 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 140,768,350 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2016, at a monthly rate of 23,461,392 dollars, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2016 and the updated levels,[4] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

20. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,663,550 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,119,000 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 431,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 112,850 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 82,467,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2014, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238;

22. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in

[4] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

the amount of 82,467,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2014, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 21 above;

23. *Further decides* that the decrease of 267,400 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2014 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 82,467,200 dollars referred to in paragraphs 21 and 22 above;

24. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei".